GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF PEPPER
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any review on the production and export of pepper in the country during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(b) if so, the separate break-up thereof and the year-wise details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & b): Review of export performance of agricultural products including pepper is an ongoing process and accordingly policy interventions are made as and when considered necessary taking into consideration availability of surpluses for export and domestic price situation. The year-wise break up of figures on production and exports of pepper are given below:

Year	Production (Tons)	Exports (Qtty in Tons)	Exports (Value in Rs. crores)
1998-99	65990	34864	638
1999-2000	69000+	42100	865
2000-01	79000+	9750++	196.45++

Source: Spices Board/ Ministry of Agriculture.

\+ Estimate based on a quick survey made by Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development in Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

++ Exports during April-Sept.,2000.